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At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

And, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that House Resolution 334 be laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

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DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2003

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, September 3, 2003.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2003

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2003, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 259, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO EVE BUTLER-GEE ON THE OCCA- SION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE HOUSE OF REP- RESENTATIVES

(Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say good-bye to Eve Butler-Gee, the Chief Journal Clerk in the House, who will retire at the end of August after 20 years of service to the House of Representatives.

Eve began her professional career in the House. After an interlude working for a charitable foundation, she returned to the House in 1987 as the Minority Enrolling Clerk of the House.

She served in that capacity for 8 years before her appointment as Chief Journal Clerk in 1995. With this appointment, Eve became the first woman in the history of the House of Representatives to serve as Chief Journal Clerk.

Eve and three assistant journal clerks are responsible for keeping the journal of the House proceedings in that big journal minute book which we see her with here every day at the rostrum and which we vote on half the time. According to House rules, the first order of business each day is the vote on the Chair's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings. The Journal Clerk's office also publishes the journal of each session of Congress for use as a reference by the House Parliamentarians, Members of Congress, regional libraries and State governments. Under Eve's direction the publication of the House Journal has been brought up to date and publication procedures modernized and refined.

Much has transpired during her service on the House rostrum staff. The House has voted on the Gulf War resolution, grieved a gunman's killing of two U.S. Capitol policemen, evacuated the House during the attacks of September 11, enacted counterterrorism measures, dealt with anthrax attacks and voted to authorize the use of force in Iraq. Eve has often said that she has been privileged to witness history every day in this Chamber.

Those who know Eve Butler-Gee know her faith life and her service in the Episcopal Church is also an important part of who she is. She serves as head verger at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, Virginia, where her husband, Tom Gee, also serves as director of lay liturgists. After her retirement, she plans to serve as a volunteer verger at the Washington National Cathedral. She and Tom plan to spend their time traveling and enjoying the comfort of friends and family, including Eve's daughter and son-in-law, Lora and John Williams, her grandson Evan, and Tom's son Sean Gee. Tom and Eve also eagerly await the birth of a new grandchild in December. Following a trip to Ireland in September, Eve hopes finally to have the free time to resume her lifelong interest in writing and community theater.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank her for her faithful service to this body and wish her health and happiness in the years to come.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. DREIER. I thank my friend for yielding. I just would like to say that it was exactly 15 hours and 47 minutes ago that I was standing at this exact spot, that means 3 a.m. this morning.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. That is midnight California time.

Mr. DREIER. Exactly, I would say to my friend; it was exactly midnight in Los Angeles. At that point, we began

our tribute to Eve and we are continuing it, 15 hours and 45 minutes later. I thank my friend for actually getting into greater detail than I did, but I want to join again. I am sandwiched between two Virginians and a Marylander here, so I am bringing some bicoastal balance to this effort to say how much we appreciate again your wonderful service to this institution.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. I thank my friend for being part of this 15-hour celebration.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. I yield to the gentleman from Virginia.

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOLF. I certainly share the sentiments of my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, if I can just read a brief thing. The gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOLLOHAN) wanted me to submit this and read this to you briefly. He had to run and catch a plane. I will not read the whole thing, but I want to read the beginning and the end.

"This House will suffer a true loss next month. Eve Butler-Gee, our Chief Journal Clerk, will be retiring at the end of August after 20 dedicated years. I want to join my colleagues today in recognizing her contributions to this Chamber.

"As we thank Eve for her dedication, we also wish her the very best for a happy retirement, with much time spent with her husband Tom; her daughter Lora and Lora's husband John Williams and their son Evan; and Tom's son Sean.

"I am proud to also note that Eve has a number of family connections to West Virginia, Mr. Chairman, and it is my hope that her travels will bring her to our State often."

God bless. We wish you the best.

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Mr. Speaker, This House will suffer a true loss next month. Eve Butler-Gee, our Chief Journal Clerk, will be retiring at the end of August after 20 years of dedicated service. I want to join my colleagues today in recognizing her contributions to this chamber.

Eve began her career here in the House. She then went to work in the private sector. Fortunately for us she returned, and in 1987 was named as minority enrolling clerk of the House.

Eve served as an Assistant Enrolling Clerk for 8 years. Then, in 1995, she was appointed as Chief Journal Clerk. This institution has benefitted greatly from her knowledge, her talent and her commitment to the people's business.

Eve and her hard-working staff are responsible for memorializing the proceedings of this House; ensuring the accuracy and timeliness of the official record of each legislative day. It is a serious responsibility, and it is carried out with true professionalism by Eve and her team. We will miss her, and we will miss her outstanding work.

Mr. Speaker, as we thank Eve for her dedication, we also wish her the very best for a